

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Whore Hotel

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1200947.000

Medium: DVD

Distributor: Calvista NZ Ltd

Director: Gazzman

FVLB Applicant: Calvista NZ Ltd

Producer: Not stated

Country of origin: United Kingdom

Language: English

Applicant: Film & Video Labelling Body

Classification: The unexcised version of this publication is classified as Objectionable.

The excised version of this publication is classified as Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Excisions: Recommended but not made

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 04 December 2012

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

	Components	Running time
Menu:	Play Scenes Extras	
Feature(s):	Whore Hotel	138:41
Timed component(s):	A Day In The Life Of Danny D Sex Parade Slam It! In A Slut 2 Photo Gallery Notices	1:00 1:00 1:00 5:00 0:59
Total running time:		147:40

Summary of reasons for decision:

The DVD is devoted to the explicit depiction of sexual activity. One excision is required to remove the second scene in the feature, in its entirety, to remove aggressive, controlling and contemptuous sexual and physical conduct by three men directed at a woman, who is presented as naive and gullible. The scene has an aggressive, misogynistic undertone that shows the men physically dominating the woman, degrading and dehumanising her, and by implication all women, to a high extent and degree, with no regard shown for her comfort or dignity. This is likely to influence the attitudes of some male viewers and have a resulting harmful impact on the safety of women in sexual situations, and in their relationships more generally.

In this instance the distributor declined to make the excision and the publication is therefore objectionable.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of all the classification criteria. The right to freedom of expression has been weighed against the likelihood of injury to the public good if the publication is available. While the classification of objectionable is an absolute restriction, it is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications which depict degrading, dehumanising and demeaning sexual activity to such a degree that their availability is likely to be injurious to the public good.